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# InkJet Printing of Functional Materials

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und strukturieren**

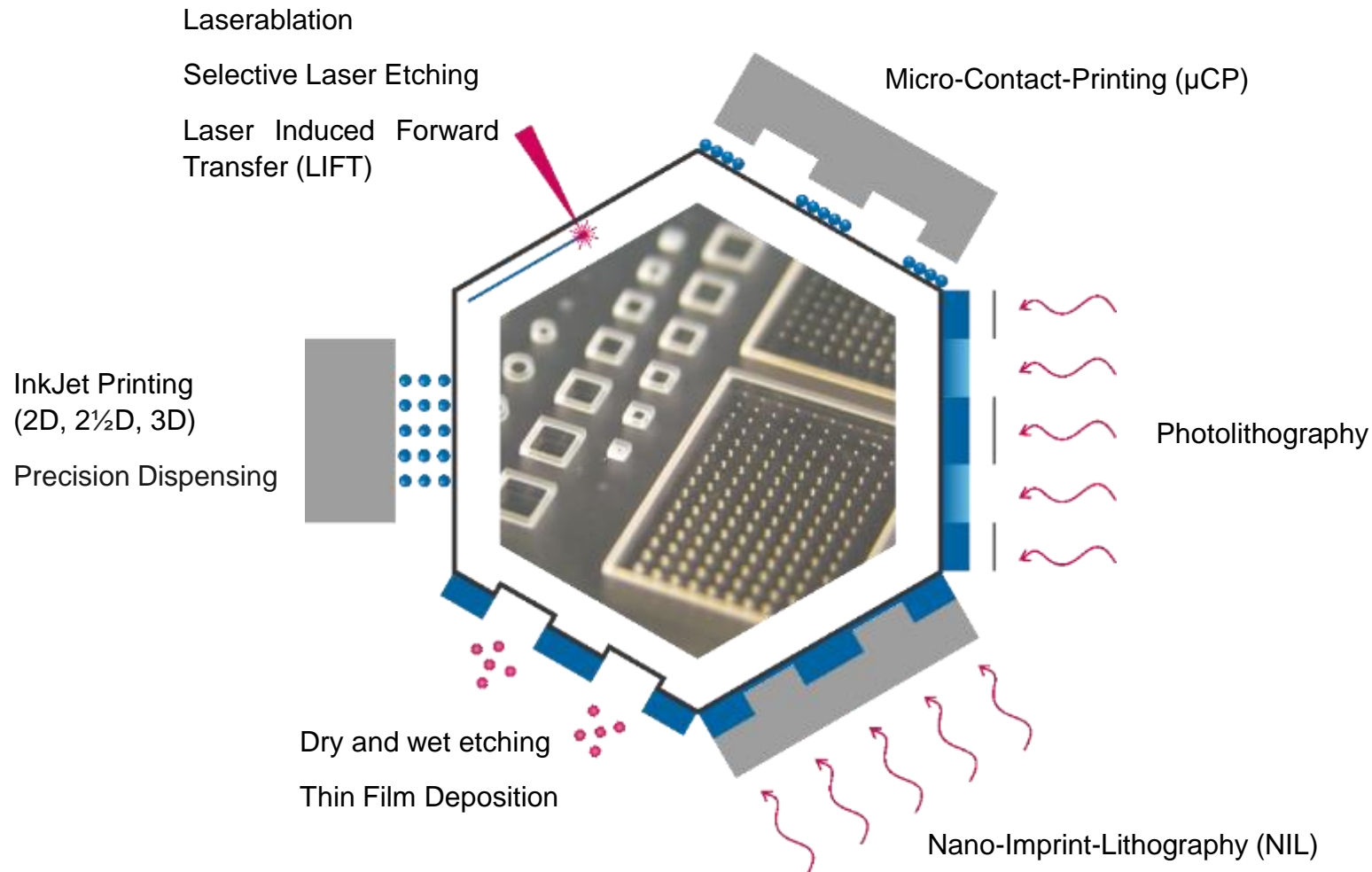
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**IMP** | Institute for Microtechnology  
and Photonics

## Additive Subtractive Advanced Precision Patterning



### Analytics

- Scanning Electron Microscope
- Surface Topography: WLI, AFM
- Light Microscopes
- X-ray Diffraction
- Contact Angle Measurements
- Electrical and Thermal Conductivity
- DSC, TGA, Infrared Spectroscopy
- Viscosimetry
- **TriPAV - high frequency rheometer**
- **TriMaster - filament stretching rheometer**

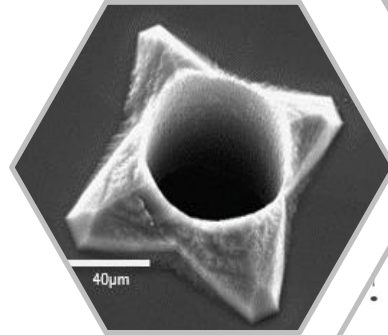
### Focus

Transfer to production

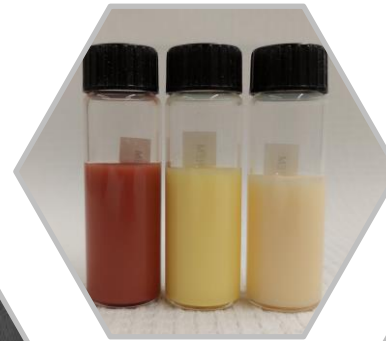
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## Topics at IMP

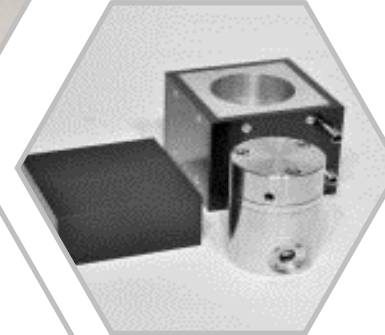
**Development of MEMS based dispenser and printheads**



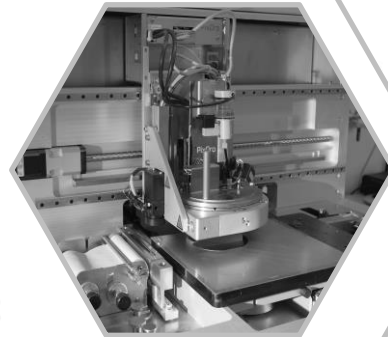
**Ink Modification and Formulation**



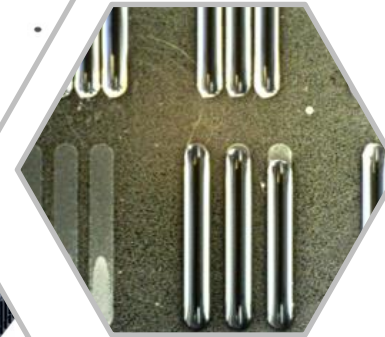
**Ink & Particle Characterisation**



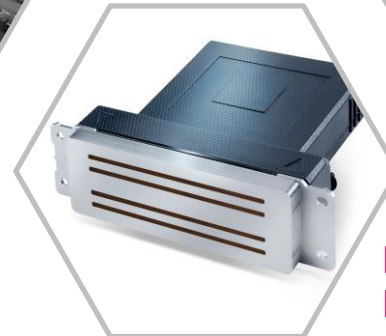
**Process Development**



**Surface Engineering**



**Evaluation of Printheads**



## Holistic printing process development (2D-3D)

① Customer request

② Ink formulation & characterisation

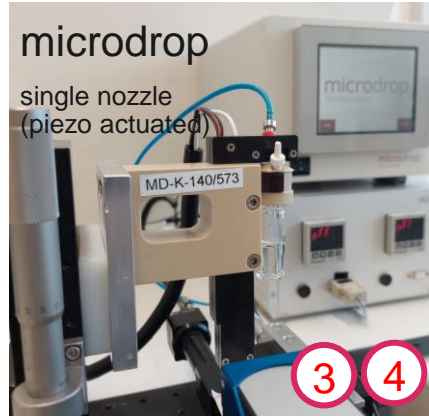
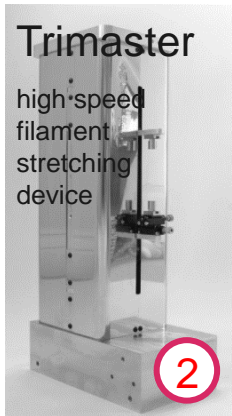
③ Jetting tests

④ Printing tests

⑤ Characterisation ink / substrate interaction

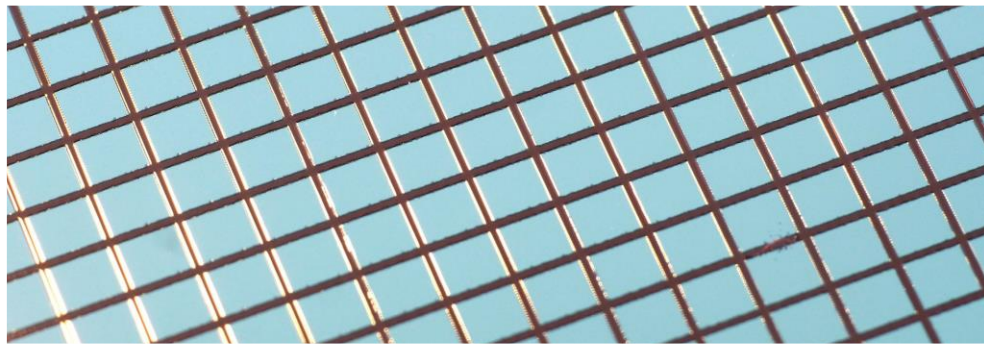
⑥ Customised specific characterisation

⑦ Final goal realized



# Patterning surfaces & structuring materials

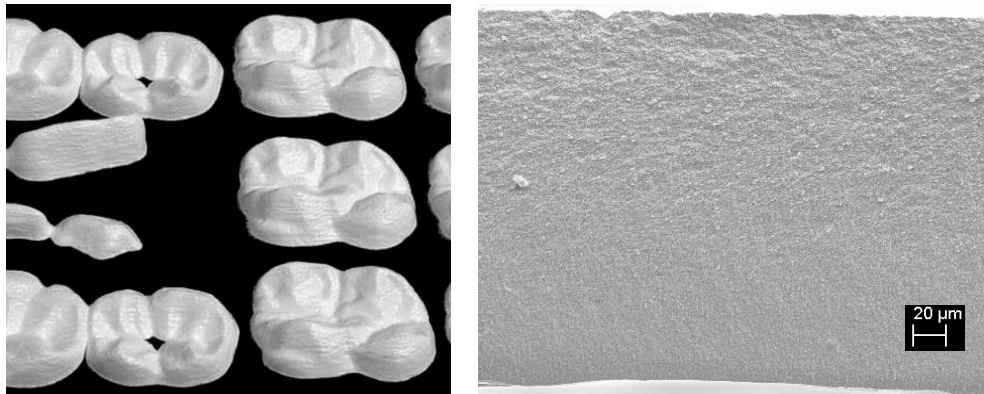
## Printing of Photoresists



## Printing of anti-fog and anti-scratch resistant coating onto 3D substrates



## Printing of ceramic slurries for generating 3D printed parts

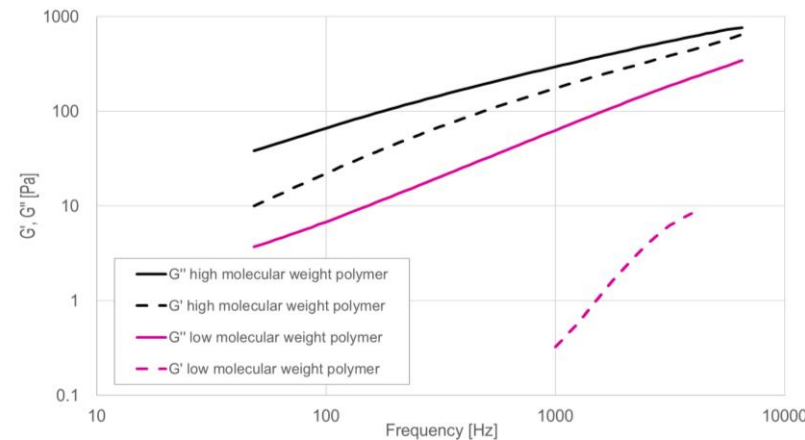
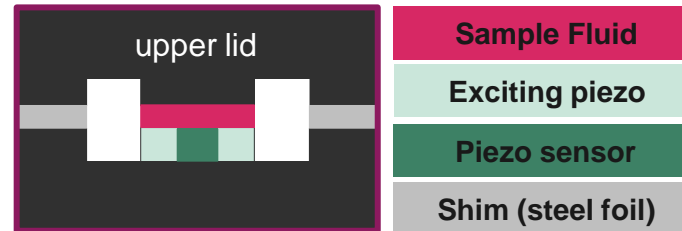


## Combining various printing technologies



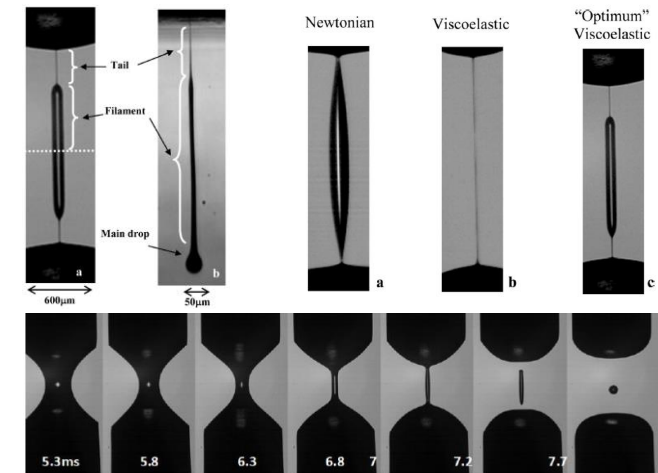
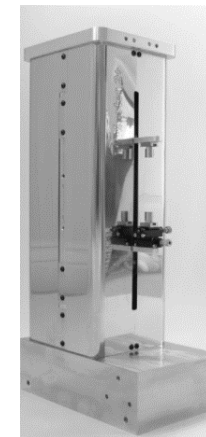
## Rheological Characterisation Techniques at IMP

### TriPAV (High Frequency Rheometer)



- Complex rheology analysis (oscillatory, sinus signal): Studying jet-ability of inks
- TriPAV printhead mode - standard square waveform: Characterisation of ink damping behaviour

### TriMaster (Filament Stretch Rheometer)



- TriMaster is a capillary breakup extensional rheometer to measure the extensional and filament stretching behaviour of complex fluids – colloids, polymer solutions, paints inks, food, consumer products and melts.
- The TriMaster investigate the elongation properties of viscoelastic fluids by stretching a small amount of fluid attached between two identical pistons.

Reference source: Vadillo, D.C. Evaluation of the inkjet fluid's performance using the "Cambridge Trimaster" filament stretch and break-up device. The Society of Rheology, Inc. J. Rheol. 54(2), 261-282, 2010.

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